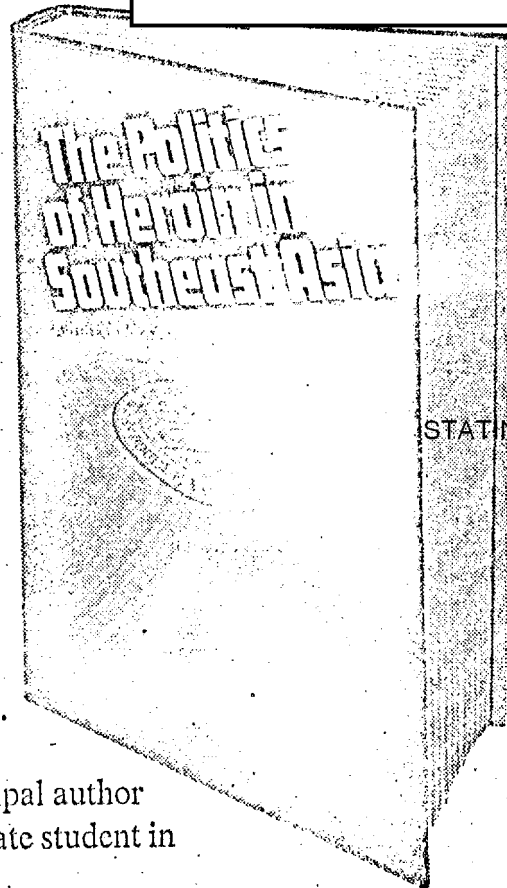


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Harper & Row announces publication of "THE POLITICS OF HEROIN IN SOUTHEAST ASIA"

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HARPER & ROW is publishing this week a brilliant and controversial study of the international narcotics traffic and the role played in it by agencies of the U.S. Government, including the CIA. The book is THE POLITICS OF HEROIN IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. The principal author is Alfred W. McCoy,* a twenty-seven year old graduate student in history at Yale University.

In early June 1972 Mr. McCoy testified on the general subject matter of his book before the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee (better known as the Proxmire Committee). Shortly thereafter, the CIA asked Harper & Row for an opportunity to read Mr. McCoy's manuscript prior to publication. The CIA stated that:

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and Leonard P. Adams II

"In the light of the pernicious nature of the drug traffic, allegations concerning involvement of the U.S. Government therein or the participation of American citizens should be made only if based on hard evidence. It is our belief that no reputable publishing house would wish to publish such allegations without being assured that the supporting evidence was valid.*** We believe we could demonstrate to you that a considerable number of Mr. McCoy's claims about this Agency's alleged involvement are totally false and without foundation, a number are distorted beyond recognition, and none is based on convincing evidence."

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